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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of two-months to and including January 20, 2004 (January 18 is a Sunday and on January 19, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is closed in observance of a Federal Holiday, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday) in which to respond to the Office Action.

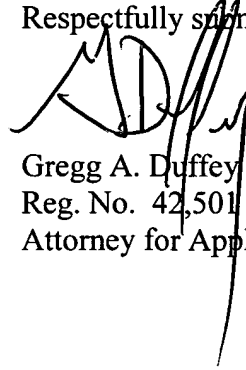
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of time. Should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the extension of time, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Arnold White & Durkee Deposit Account No. 01-2508/**11867.0003.NPUS00**.

Respectfully submitted,

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